

**FSA OFFICE CLOSURES**

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to support the maintenance of the seven county Farm Service Agency offices in Montana targeted for closure.

**WHEREAS**, the number one industry in the State of Montana is agriculture, and;

**WHEREAS**, technical assistance for producers is available through local Farm Service Agency offices, and;

**WHEREAS**, the closure of the offices in Lewis and Clark, Meagher, Park, Ravalli, Sanders, Sweet Grass and Treasure counties will cause undue hardships on producers in those counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, producers must utilize any and all available resources in order to continue operating their farms and ranches.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montana Association of Counties supports maintaining the seven county Farm Service Agency offices targeted for closure.

**SPONSOR:** MACo Agriculture Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:** Do Pass

**PRIORITY:** High

**REFERRED TO:** Agriculture Committee

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